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For : Hand-Held Instruments that Access Interior Body Regions

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002.

An automatic two month extension of time to respond, up to and including August 28, 2002,
is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please consider the following set of pending claims 11-45, of which claims 11, 13, 14, 22,
34, 36 and 37 have been amended, as attached in clean form as well as in marked-up form showing
changes in the amended claims relative to the previous version of the claims according to 37 C.F.R.

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